

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Received by Barkentine Hilo, June 26th.

A letter written from the Chinese Legation at Washington to Colonel Blanton Duncan, of Louisville, Kentucky, says that the Chinese government will protest against the enforcement of the Geary act.

A Paris despatch says James Gordon Bennett has been injured by falling from a coach. His doctor reports that he is not seriously hurt.

Samoa Affairs are said to be approaching a crisis. There will probably be a collision between the forces of Mallet and Matsaia.

Comptroller of the Currency Eckels says that the Eastern banks are on a sound basis, and that the financial outlook is brightening.

Frank P. Hastings says that the people of Hawaii are united on annexation, and the Provisional government is as strongly in favor of annexation as ever.

Fully one-half the city of Fargo, Dakota, has been burnt, and 3000 people left homeless. The loss will reach \$3,000,000.

At a meeting of the association of landholders at Buchon, on June 7, Ahlwardt, the Jew-baiter, insulted Bismarck, and so disturbed the meeting that it was broken up. It is announced that the meeting of the Reichstag has been postponed till July 4.

Hanson and Gadaur have easily won the trial heats at Austin, Texas. The former won by four lengths, time 20:06; the latter by six lengths, time 19:39.

Edwin Booth was buried at New York on June 9th.

Prof. Briggs has made an appeal through the New York Evangelist asking his supporters to rally at the next general assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Cholera has appeared in the East. Many towns in the Turkish provinces are afflicted.

The liberty bell was cast at Troy, N. J., on June 8. Interesting ceremonies were held at Independence Hall, Philadelphia on June 7.

A telegram has been received at Washington from the U. S. Consul stating that a yellow-fever epidemic prevails at Limon, Costa Rica.

A split is announced to have taken place in the trust convention being held at Chicago.

Governor McKinley has been renominated by the Ohio republicans and will lead the next campaign in that State.

The Serbian politician Petrovich was recently enticed into a house at Pozarevce, in Austria, by political opponents and brutally murdered.

The river Caeremoss, in Austria, has submerged Wischnitz. Many people were drowned and much damage was done.

A block of dwelling houses has been burned on Ashbury Heights, San Francisco. Three firemen lost their lives by the fall of a chimney. The losses are heavy, owing to lack of hydrants on the heights.

Count Preising, a centrist leader, in a speech at Munich, June 8, advocated the recall of Bismarck to power.

Fifty villages in Galicia and Glucocina have been partly destroyed by floods.

Archbishop Sembratowicz was mobbed by forty Polish students in Lemberg on the 8th instant.

The Infanta Eulalia visited the World's Fair on the 8th instant.

Professor Holden reports active disturbances among the sun spots. The largest single spot now visible is a little northwest of the center of the sun.

The World's Congress of Vegetarians is in session at Chicago.

A Berlin dispatch says the betrothal of the Czarowitch of Russia to Princess Alice, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, will shortly be announced.

Through the finding of some ancient documents a treasure of \$2,000,000 has been located in the city of Mexico, where it is supposed to have been hidden by the orders of the Emperor Maximilian.

President Cleveland is said to have told members of congress that there will be no issue of bonds without the consent of congress. The democratic administration, he said, was not responsible for the financial situation, and the administration would not interfere.

Chihuahua, Mexico, has been visited by a destructive fire. The loss will reach many thousand dollars.

A collision has occurred at Lemont, Illinois, between the authorities and a mob of armed strikers. Many were shot down by deputy sheriffs. Governor Altgelt has ordered out the state troops. They will proceed to Lemont.

Five choleraic deaths occurred at Cetta, France, and sixty at Mecca, Arabia, on the 9th instant.

Warren Leland, the last of the five Leland brothers of hotel fame, is dead.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Even James H. Blount, who was sent to Hawaii by President Cleveland as an executive commissioner and afterward appointed United States minister, seems to be worn out with the shillyshally and dilatory policy of the administration, for he has forwarded his resignation to Washington, and when a democratic officeholder resigns matters must be a bad way.

The fact is evident that Mr. Cleveland and his cabinet are sadly at a loss to know what to do about Hawaii. It was very easy to pull down the edifice constructed by the Harrison administration, which, had it been completed, would have resulted in annexation, but all the genius and statecraft of the democratic party do not avail, it would seem, to build up anything in its place. The only suggestion that is made is to establish a protectorate—a measure that would suit nobody. The Provisional government has shown its ability to maintain law and order, and there is no disposition on the part of any foreign government to take forcible possession of the islands and overturn the existing order of things. What need, then, can there be for an American protectorate?

It is the duty of the Administration to come to a conclusion on this question. If we are to accept the offer made us and take in the Hawaiian Islands as a part of our territory, it should be done without further delay. If we are to decline the offer, it is only fair to Hawaii to make the announcement of the declination at once, so that the people of the islands may negotiate other arrangements for the future.

It probably seemed to Mr. Cleveland a brilliant stroke of policy to withdraw the Hawaiian treaty from the Senate and begin negotiations all anew, but the trouble is that his Administration has done nothing, nor does it manifest any disposition to take any active and positive measures. Whether the President wanted to satisfy himself of the state of public opinion in this country regarding annexation, or whether he was influenced by some of his backstairs counselors and advisors at Washington, cannot be said. At any rate it is plain to see that nothing is being accomplished, and that the Hawaiian affair is making no progress in any direction.—S. F. Chronicle, June 8th.

CABLE TO THE ISLANDS.

It is stated from Washington that the government refuses to allow the report of the Albatross survey to be published. For so strange a decision no reason can be imagined except the usual red tape of the circumlocution office. The government has not thus far been authorized by congress to lay a cable to Hawaii. All that the act required was that it should survey the route and hand over the survey to any individual or company which proposed to undertake the work. The sooner the survey is published, and the larger the number of persons who see it the sooner the cable is likely to be laid.

The main features of the suppressed report have leaked out through the officers engaged in the work. It is determined that the terminal on this point will be the mouth of the Salinas river, in Monterey bay. That river has scoured out a channel for itself in the bed of the ocean to a distance of about fifteen miles from the coast. At that point a depth of one and a half miles is reached, and the bottom is even, and gently shelving up to there. For two hundred miles west of that spot the bottom gradually falls until the depth is about three miles, which is the normal depth of those portions of the Pacific which are free from volcanic ridges or deep cavities. This normal depth is preserved for about 400 miles, and then the great submarine mountain which is known to geographers as Mount Belknap is encountered. This mountain lies about 800 miles west of San Francisco. It rises to within half a mile of the surface, and is surrounded by water three miles deep. When it was discovered by the Tuscarora it was not known whether it formed part of a submarine range or was an isolated peak, and the question was vital to cable-layers. The Albatross sailed round it, and found that it stood alone. Thus a cable can be laid round it, passing to the south of it.

For 600 miles west of Mount Belknap the ocean bed preserves a uniform depth of about three miles and there are no impediments in the way of a cable. Then, at a distance of about 1400 miles from San Francisco, the water deepens to about three and a half miles, and maintains that depth nearly to the coast of Hawaii. At a point about 200 miles east of the island, however, another mountain was struck, which rises to a mile and a half of the surface. This also is an island peak, which at one time formed part of the volcanic group to which the Hawaiian Islands belonged.

The bottom of the Pacific, between San Francisco and Hawaii, is a soft ooze, consisting of the shells of minute globigerina and pteropods, which lived near the surface, and in dying shed their shells in a gentle rain to the bed of the ocean. The ooze is like a thick mud; a cable would lie in it very comfortably and might not need repairs for years.—S. F. Call.

The bulk of the refrigerator space on the Miowera is taken up with frozen salmon and halibut. It is shipped by Pader Bros. of Vancouver.

BLOUNT HAS NOT SPOKEN.

The Recommendation of a Protectorate Still Wanting.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Secretary Gresham has received no information from Minister Blount that warrants the conclusion that he is prepared to endorse all that has been done in Hawaii, and that he is now strongly inclined to recommend at least the establishment of a United States protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands.

The secretary is also in ignorance of the reports of the interference of Claus Spreckels in behalf of the restoration of the monarchy and of his insistence upon the repayment by the Provisional government of money advanced by him to the late monarchy.

The secretary is, of course, in receipt of information from Blount that he does not feel justified in publishing, but he feels no hesitation in denying the accuracy of the above reports.

Minister Thurston said to the Chronicle correspondent tonight:

"I have not as yet received any instructions," said he, "from my government; and there is really nothing in the way of news concerning the relations between Hawaii and the United States of which I know anything. The status quo of several months ago still continues. Of course we are all anxious to know what the Government of the United States intends to do respecting us, but no intimation has come to me relative thereto. It is possible that I shall receive instructions from my Government as to my course here as its representative, but I have not yet received any."

The Islands Must Come.

It begins to look as if President Cleveland and Minister Blount will be unable to prevent the Hawaiian Islands from drifting to the United States. The tide has set in that way. The president apparently thought that he was strong enough to swim against the tide, but is beginning to see that it is upstream work. One report now is that he has authorized Minister Blount to negotiate a new treaty, and another that a treaty has been sent to the Hawaiian Minister at Washington to be submitted to the President. If Mr. Cleveland is as tired of swimming against the current as he is believed to be, he will suggest some verbal changes in the treaty that Harrison submitted to the senate and let that body accept or reject it, as authorized to do. The president's admirers can but admit that his management of the annexation proposition has been feeble. He has developed no policy but that of opposition to the preceding administration. If he had shown what could be done in place of annexation he might have stood some chance of taking the bulk of his party with him. But the poverty of his resources is disheartening. He arrests a movement promising satisfactory results and lets things drift. Probably the result that was in plain sight when Harrison's term expired will be reached in the course of a few months.—S. F. Call.

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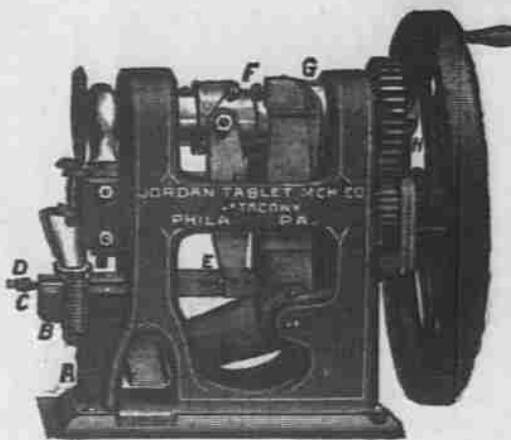
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